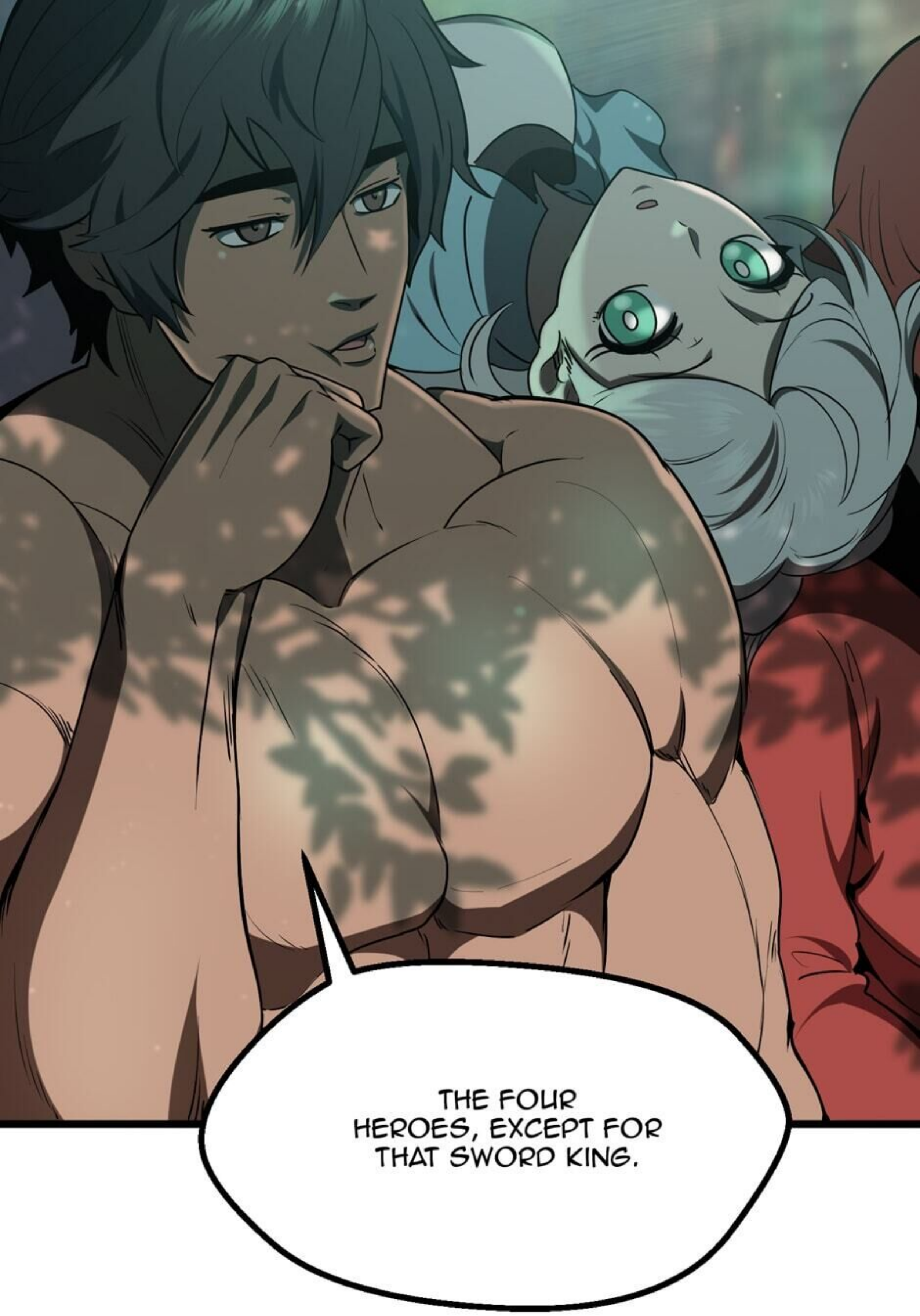
CLUNK

I CAN'T FIGURE IT OUT NO MATTER HOW MUCH I THINK ABOUT IT.

ABOUT WHAT?


THE FOUR HEROES, EXCEPT FOR THAT SWORD KING.

THEY'RE LATNIANS WHO ARE ALREADY PRAISED AS HEROES... WHY DO THEY NEED TO USE OTHERWORLDERS TO DO THEIR DIRTY WORK?
GREAT EARTH WAS THEIR ENEMY JUST TWENTY YEARS AGO...

NO ONE
WOULD SUSPECT
THAT THE FOUR HEROES ARE
THE ACTUAL FORCE BEHIND
GREAT EARTH TODAY.

WE WOULDN'T HAVE BELIEVED IT OURSELVES IF WE HADN'T EXPERIENCED IT.

SNEAKY LITTLE BASTARDS~

YAWN~

ANYWAY...

HOW MUCH LONGER UNTIL WE ARRIVE AT THE FAIRY KINGDOM?

I FEEL LIKE THE SCENERY'S BEEN THE SAME FOR THE PAST TWO DAYS.

WE ALREADY ENTERED THE KINGDOM TWO DAYS AGO.

WHAT?!

THE FAIRY KINGDOM STARTS WHEREVER THE ROOTS OF THE WORLD TREE REACHES!
CLUNK
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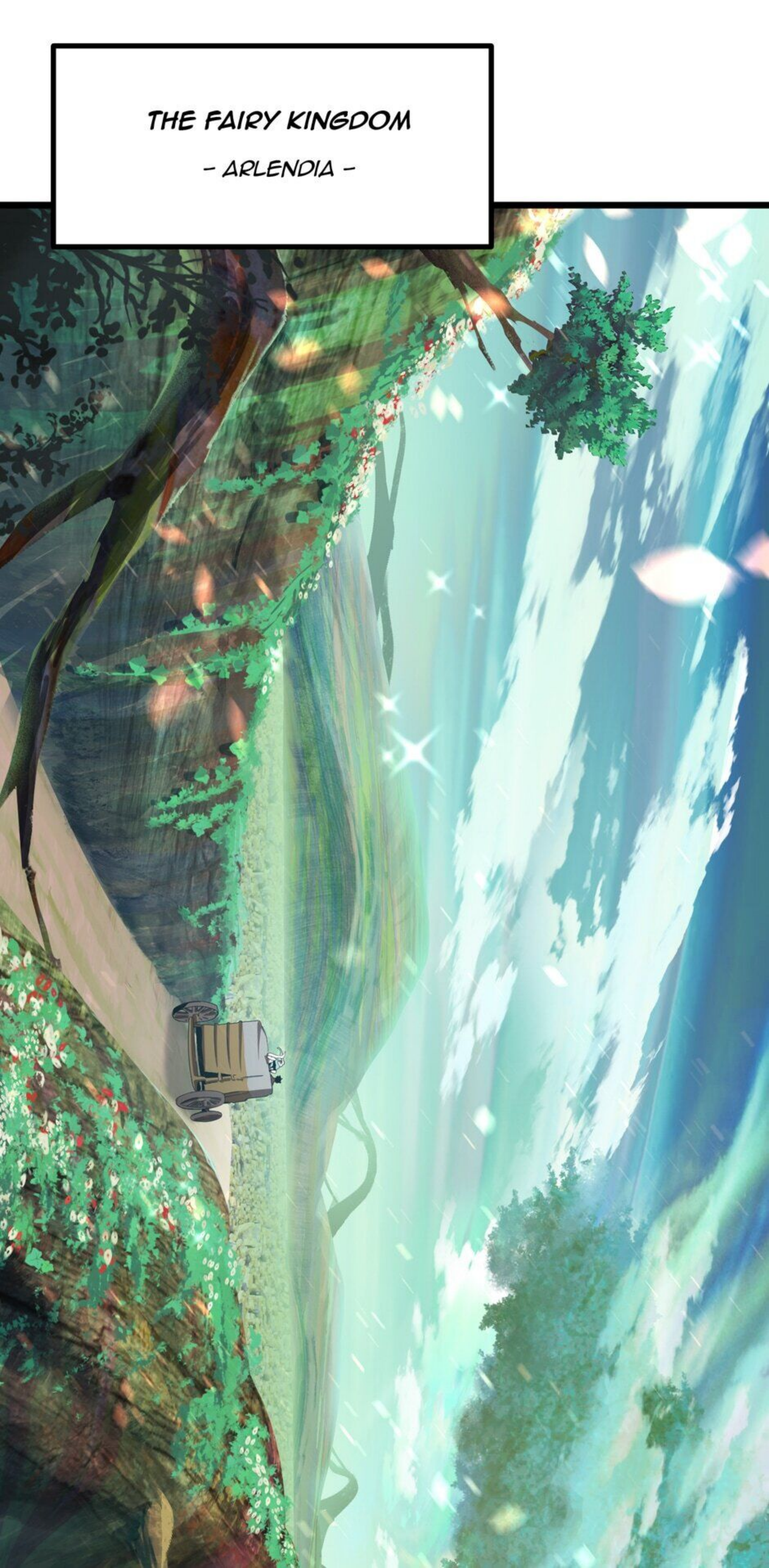
THE ROOTS?

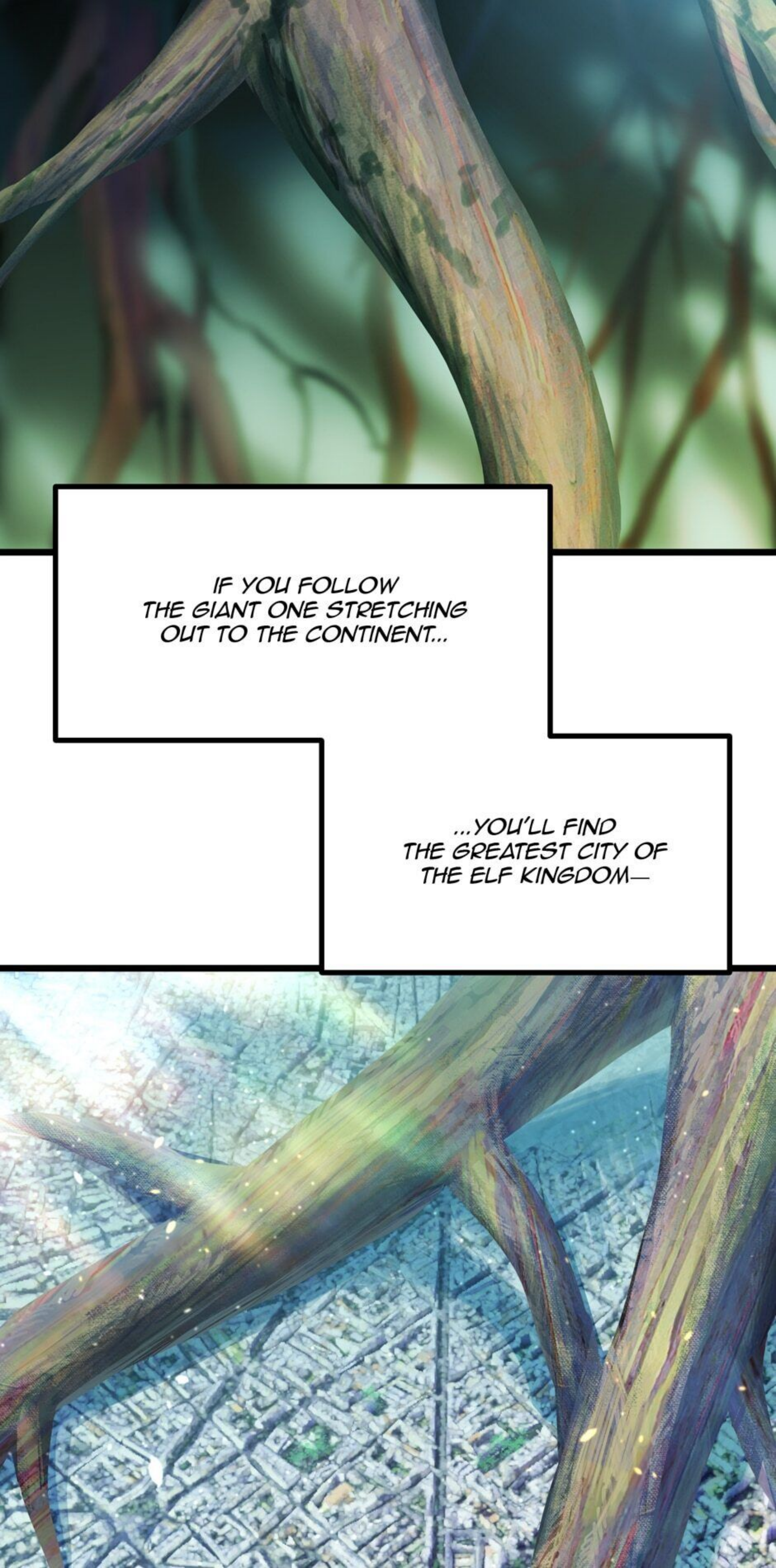
SRRK


THE FAIRY KINGDOM
- ARLENDIA -

THE FAIRY KINGDOM IS AN ALLIANCE BETWEEN FOUR SPECIES WHO LIVE AROUND THE WORLD TREE.

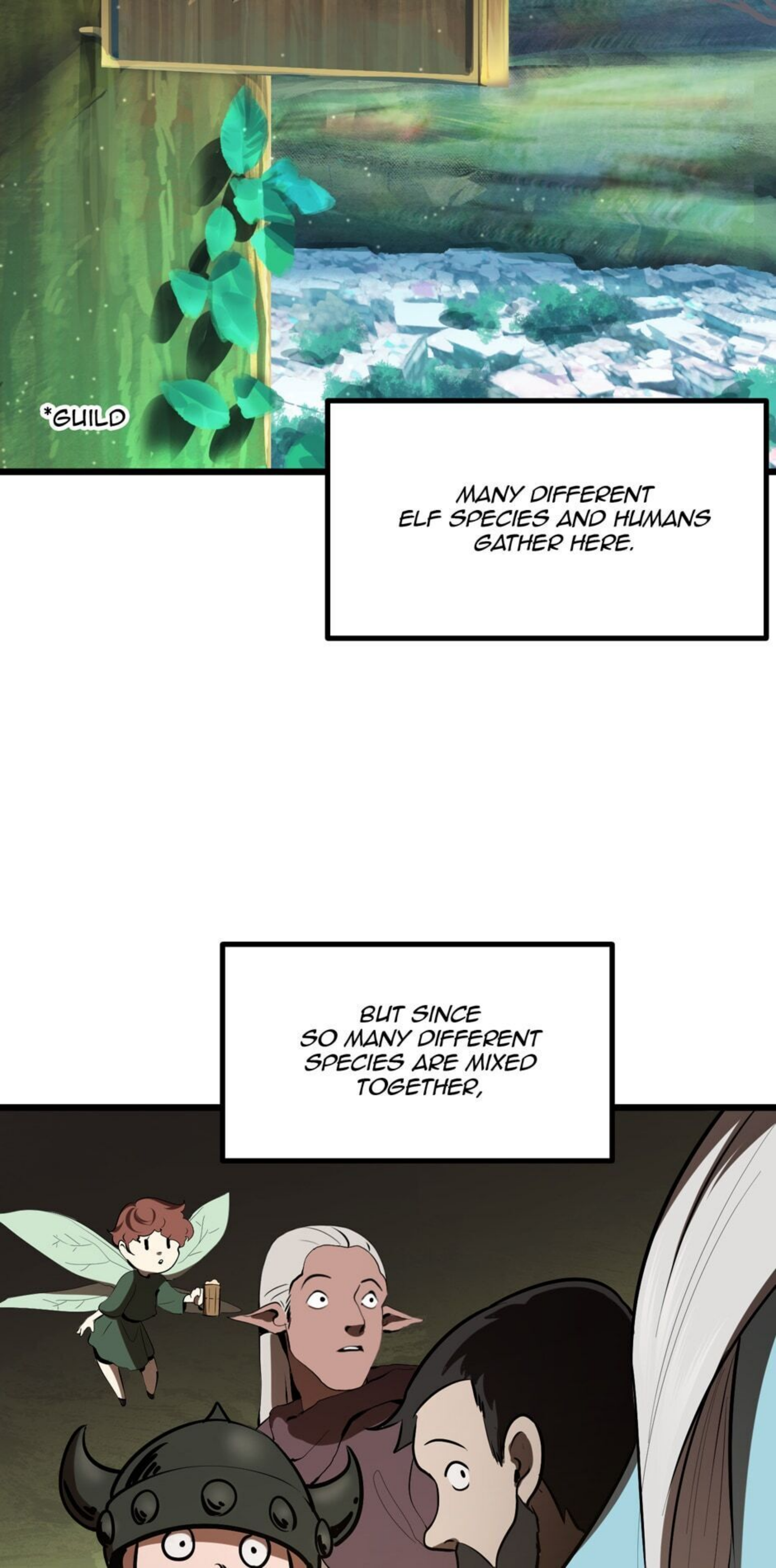
THEY EACH HAVE THEIR OWN CULTURE AND KING.

THE CAPITAL OF THE FAIRY KINGDOM IS AT THE TRUNK OF THE WORLD TREE.
OUT OF ITS COUNTLESS ROOTS,


IF YOU FOLLOW THE GIANT ONE STRETCHING OUT TO THE CONTINENT...
...YOU'LL FIND THE GREATEST CITY OF THE ELF KINGDOM—

SORONDIA

SINCE IT'S THE BIGGEST TRADE ROUTE CONNECTING TO THE CAPITAL CITY OF THE FAIRY KINGDOM,


*GUILD
MANY DIFFERENT ELF SPECIES AND HUMANS GATHER HERE.
BUT SINCE SO MANY DIFFERENT SPECIES ARE MIXED TOGETHER,

VARIOUS PROBLEMS ARE BOUND TO OCCUR TOO.
THIS IS WHY THE ELVES CREATED A GUILD LONG BEFORE HUMANS DID

TO ASSIGN DIFFERENT TASKS.

MANY HUNTERS
HAVE GONE THROUGH
THIS PLACE TO
BECOME HEROES

BECOME HEROES,
BUT MANY HAVE ALSO LOST THEIR LIVES.

AND I'M THE ONE WHO'S RESPONSIBLE FOR EVERYTHING HERE.
THIS IS WHY I'VE NEVER TAKEN EVEN A SINGLE BREAK IN 200 YEARS.

THIS IS THE DUTY OF A GUILD MASTER.
THESE NEW HUNTERS...
...LOOK PRETTY TOUGH TO DEAL WITH.

# LATNA SAGA

## SURVIVAL OF A SWORD KING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PERFECT!!

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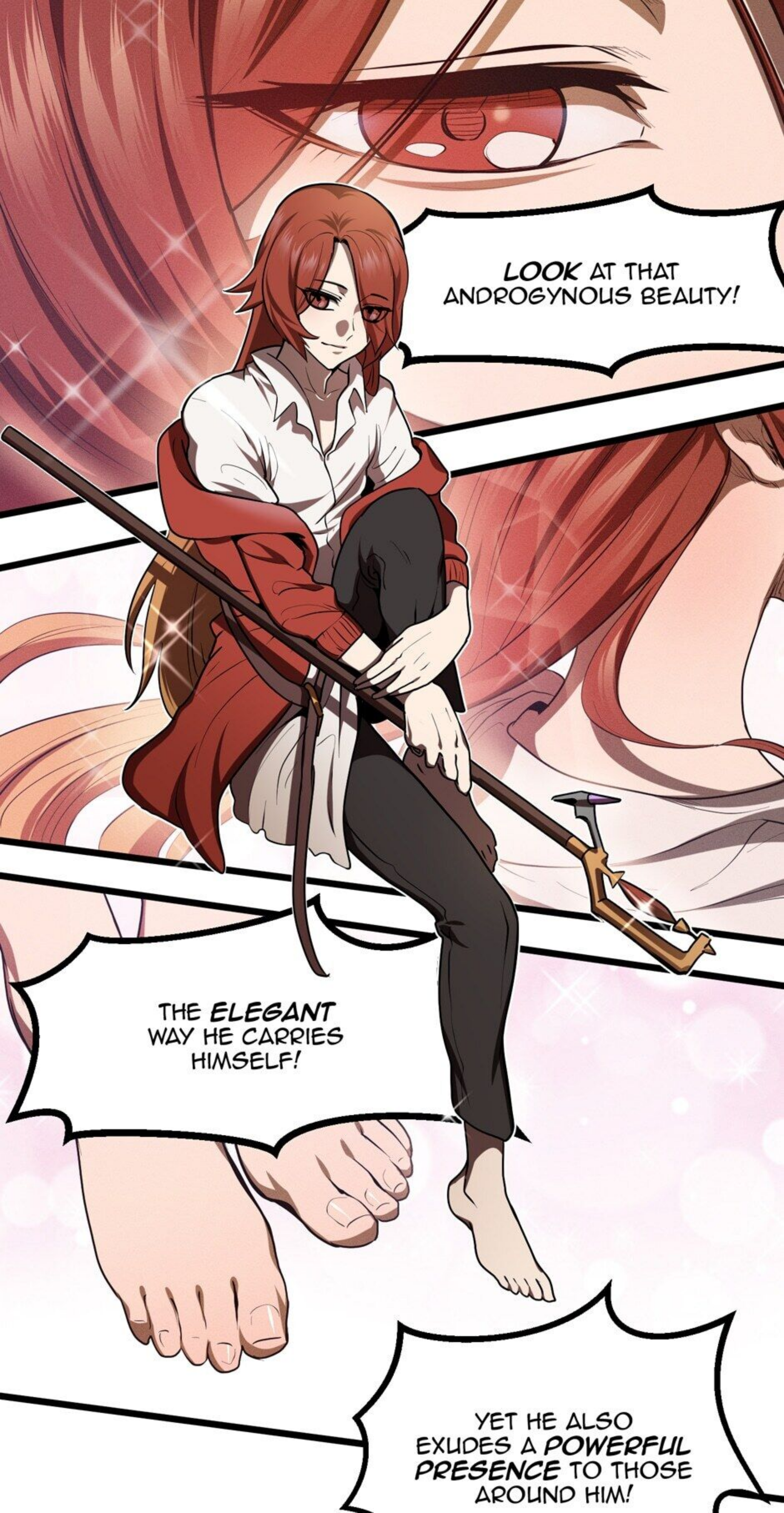
A LEVEL 52 MAGE!!


LOOK AT THAT ANDROGYNOUS BEAUTY!
THE ELEGANT WAY HE CARRIES HIMSELF!
YET HE ALSO EXUDES A POWERFUL PRESENCE TO THOSE AROUND HIM!

AND LOOK AT THOSE INNOCENT YET SORROWFUL EYES!!
SHE'S GOT A CUTE APPEARANCE...

...WITH *EVEN A CUTER VOICE!*

A LEVEL 38 MAGE TO BOOT!

BASED ON MY TWO CENTURIES OF EXPERIENCE, YOU TWO SHOULDN'T BE STUCK IN *DINGY DUNGEONS!*

IF YOU START A SINGING TROUPE, YOU'LL BE THE MOST FAMOUS ENTERTAINERS IN THE ENTIRE KINGDOM!

SK SK SK!

I'LL WRITE A RECOMMNEDATION LETTER FOR YOU ***RIGHT NOW*** SO YOU CAN GET SPONSORSHIPS FROM THE NOBLES!

***OOH~*** WHAT SHOULD WE CALL OURSELVES?

HAHA...

TUP
TH-THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFER, BUT WE'RE JUST HERE TO REGISTER!

THANK YOU FOR NOT MEASURING HIS LEVEL SINCE HE'S A VALTARAN, BUT...
TO MY UNDERSTANDING,

A WRITTEN EXAM HASN'T BEEN A REQUIREMENT IN BECOMING A HUNTER FOR TEN YEARS.

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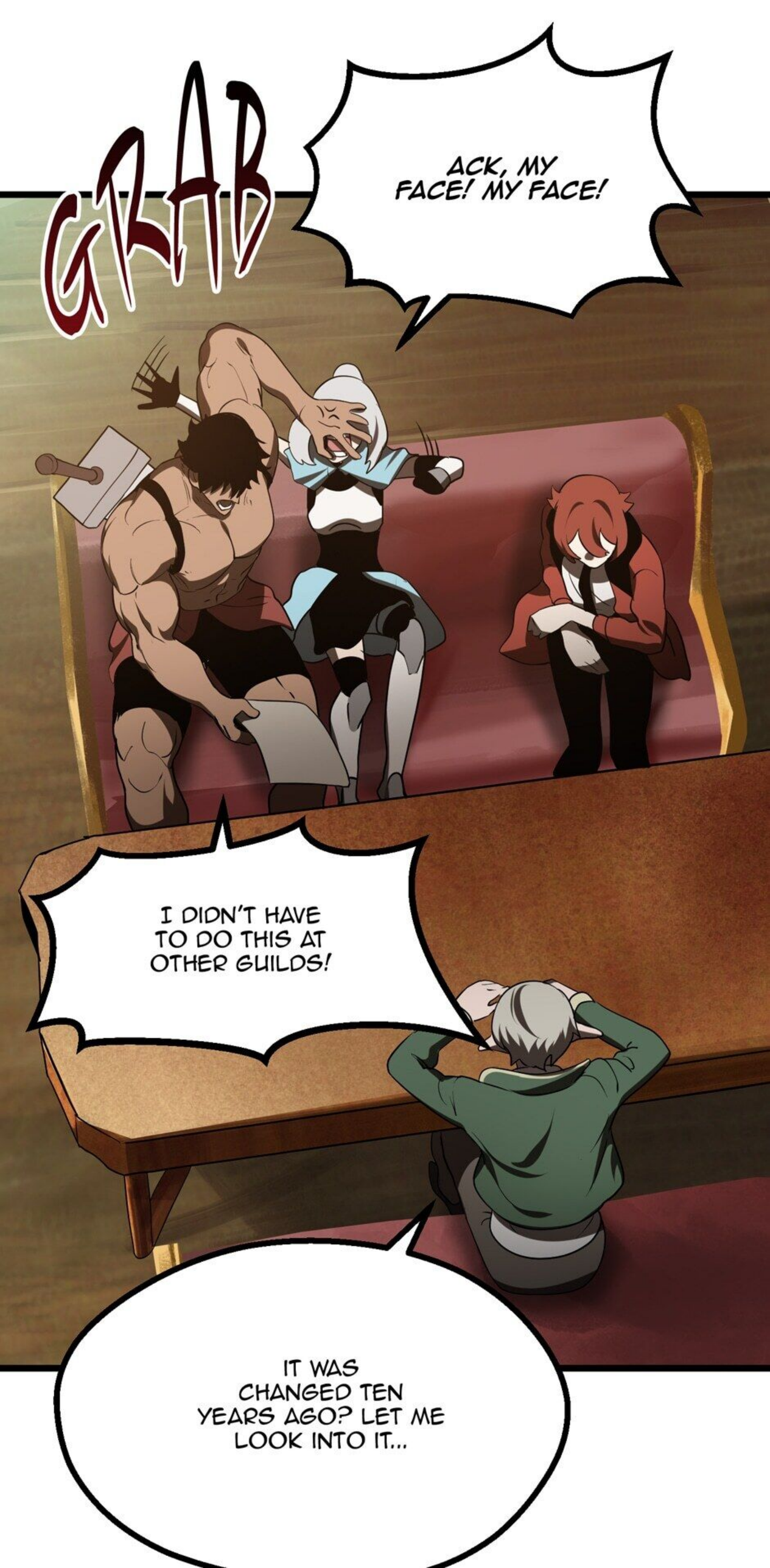
HAHAHAHA!

I CAN TUTOR YOU LATER IF YOU'D LIKE!
C'MON, CALL ME 'MISS EPHYR'~


GRAB
ACK, MY FACE! MY FACE!
I DIDN'T HAVE TO DO THIS AT OTHER GUILDS!
IT WAS CHANGED TEN YEARS AGO? LET ME LOOK INTO IT...

INSTEAD OF GOING THROUGH SUCH TROUBLE... HOW ABOUT JUST REGISTERING HIM AS MY BODYGUARD?
TH-THAT'S RIGHT! I'M HIS BODYGUARD!

AH, I THINK THERE IS A POLICY ABOUT REGISTERING AS A BODYGUARD...

THUD

I'LL TAKE A LOOK AND SEE IF THERE'S ANYTHING I CAN DO.
IT'LL TAKE ME ABOUT SIX MONTHS TO DO THE RESEARCH.

YOU CAN
COME BACK AND
SEE ME THEN.

SIX MONTHS...?
WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO FOR HALF A YEAR?

I THINK THE ELVES' CONCEPT OF TIME IS DIFFERENT SINCE THEIR LIFESPAN IS SO MUCH LONGER THAN HUMANS.

THE CURRENT SYSTEM OF A HUNTERS' GUILD ONLY BEGAN ABOUT 100 YEARS AGO...

SULLEN

THE ELVES ARE NOTORIOUSLY INFLEXIBLE... THEY'RE STILL NOT USED TO THE SYSTEM YET.

BUT SIX MONTHS WILL GO BY IN NO TIME!

151
YEARS OLD
THAT'S EASY
FOR YOU TO SAY...

TMP
HMM?

I THINK THERE'S SOMETHING GOING ON OVER THERE!
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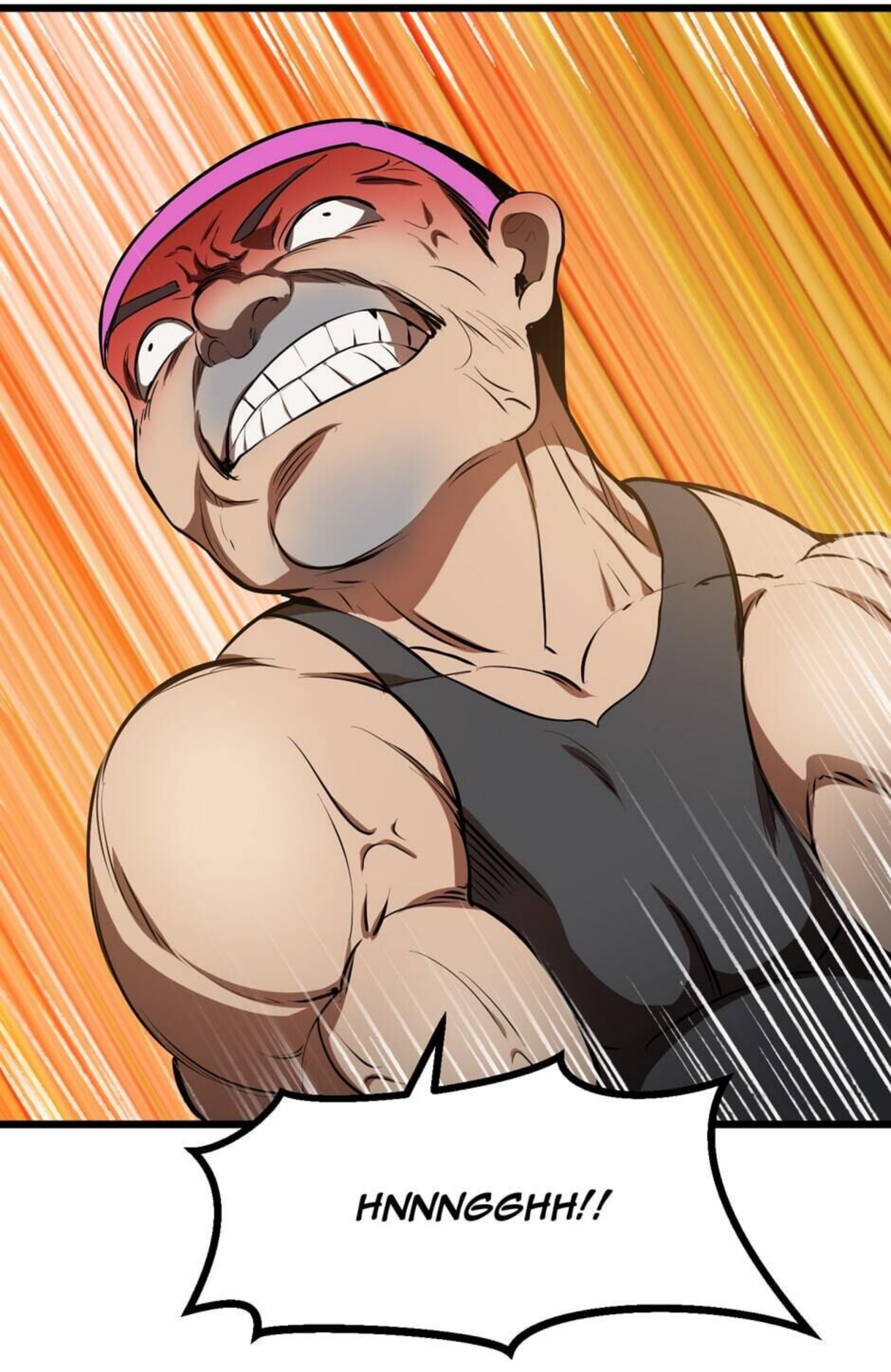
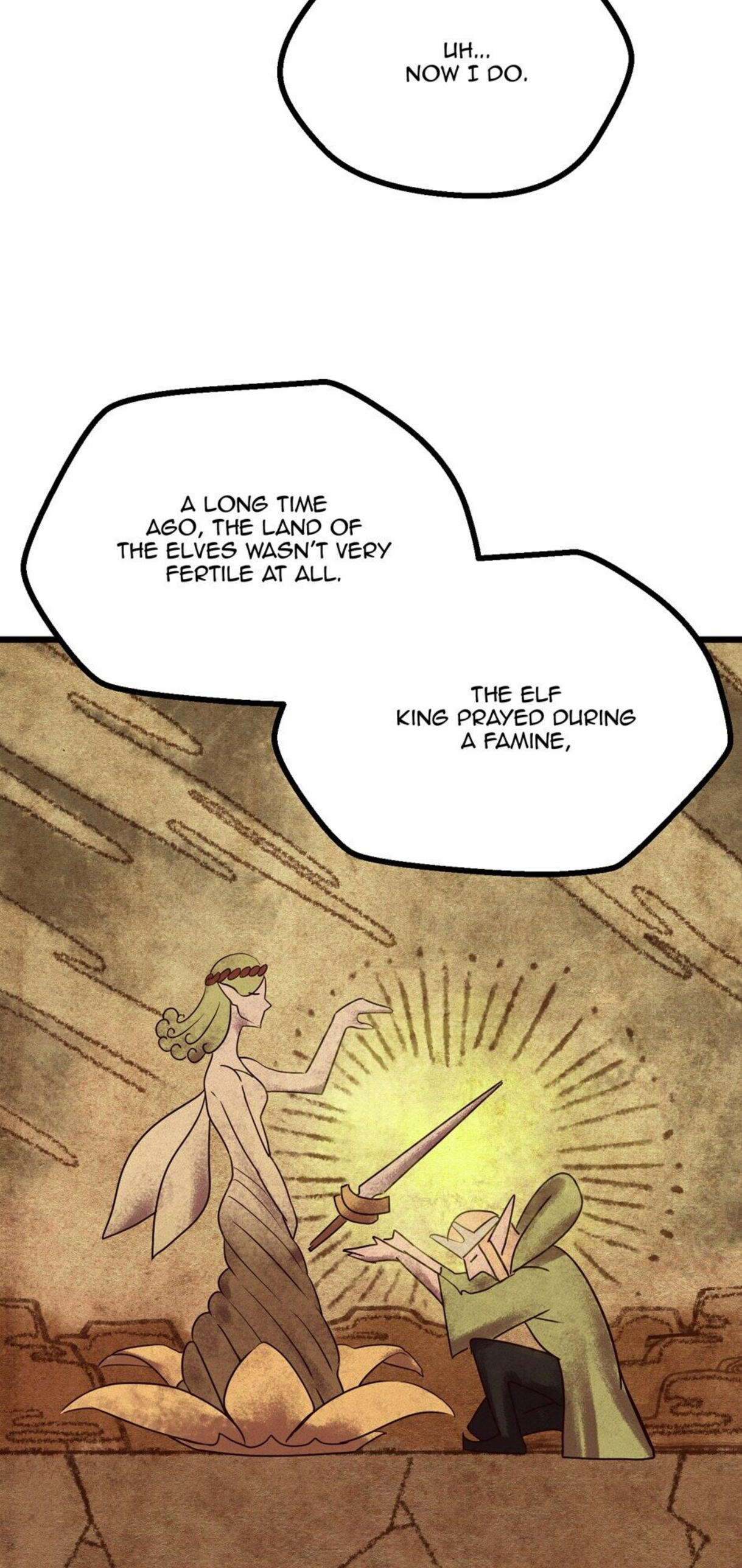

HNNNGGHH!!

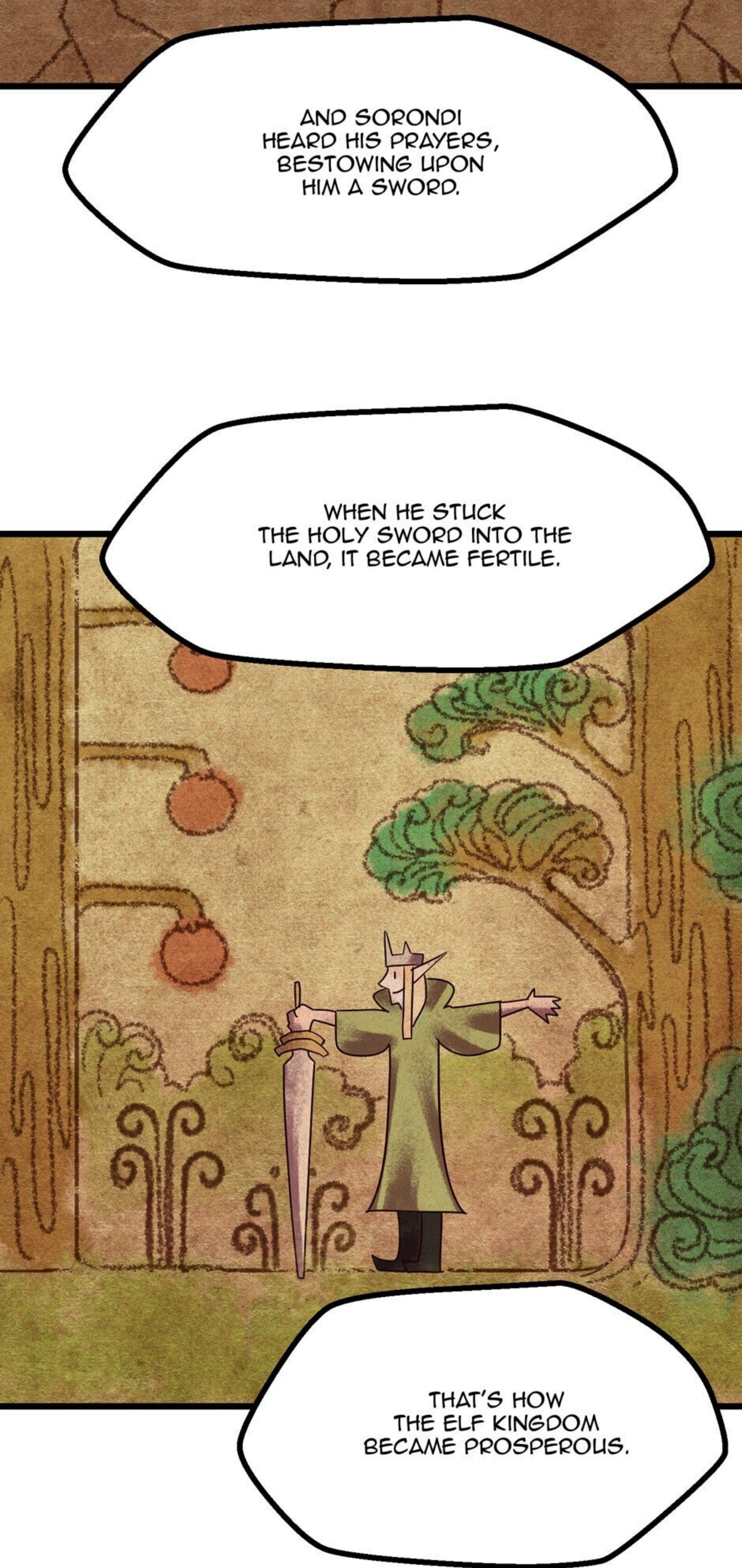
THE CHALLENGER IS SUPPOSEDLY A MIGHTY HUNTER!!
GAH...
WILL HE! BE ABLE TO! PULL OUT THE SWORD?!

PLOP...
WAHAHAHA!

IT MUST BE SOME SORT OF FESTIVAL.
OH, IT'S THE ELVES' THANKSGIVING.
ELVES' THANKSGIVING?

YOU KNOW HOW THE ELVES WERE CREATED BY SORONDI, THE GODDESS OF THE EARTH?


UH...
NOW I DO.
A LONG TIME AGO, THE LAND OF THE ELVES WASN'T VERY FERTILE AT ALL.
THE ELF KING PRAYED DURING A FAMINE,


AND SORONDI HEARD HIS PRAYERS, BESTOWING UPON HIM A SWORD.
WHEN HE STUCK THE HOLY SWORD INTO THE LAND, IT BECAME FERTILE.
THAT'S HOW THE ELF KINGDOM BECAME PROSPEROUS.

SINCE THEN,
THE ELVES HOLD A FESTIVAL
ONCE A YEAR TO THANK
THE GODDESS.
OH~

ARE THOSE PEOPLE SITTING UP THERE ALL ELF NOBLES?
HEY... BIN?

WHERE'S EPHYR?
I THOUGHT SHE WAS JUST HERE A MOMENT AGO...?

DID SHE...
...GET LOST?!
THERE'S NO WAY!

I'LL GO LOOK FOR HER. WAIT FOR ME HERE!
WAIT, WHAT ABOUT ME?!
FWICK
YOU STAND OUT IN A CROWD. I'M NOT WORRIED ABOUT YOU.

THEN... WHY CAN'T EPHYR JUST FIND ME AND COME HERE?
PLOP~
FAIL!
AH... IS THERE NO ONE WORTHY

ENOUGH TO PULL OUT THE SWORD THIS YEAR EITHER?

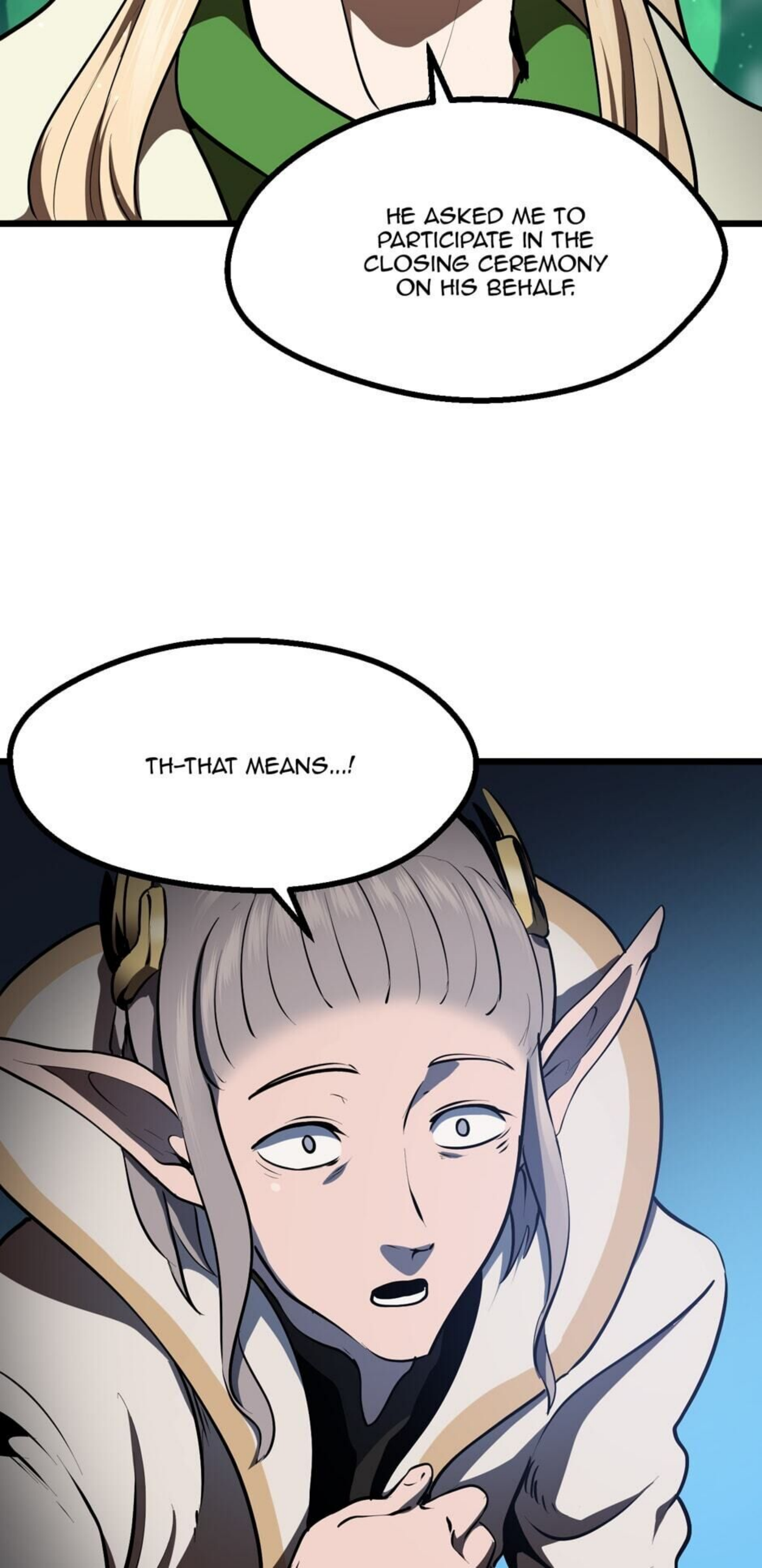
HAHAHA! MUSTER UP ALL YOUR STRENGTH!
HUMANS TRY SO HARD IN EVERYTHING THEY DO~
FWIP
THEY HAVE TO WORK HARD EVERY DAY SINCE THEY DON'T GET TO LIVE FOR LONG.

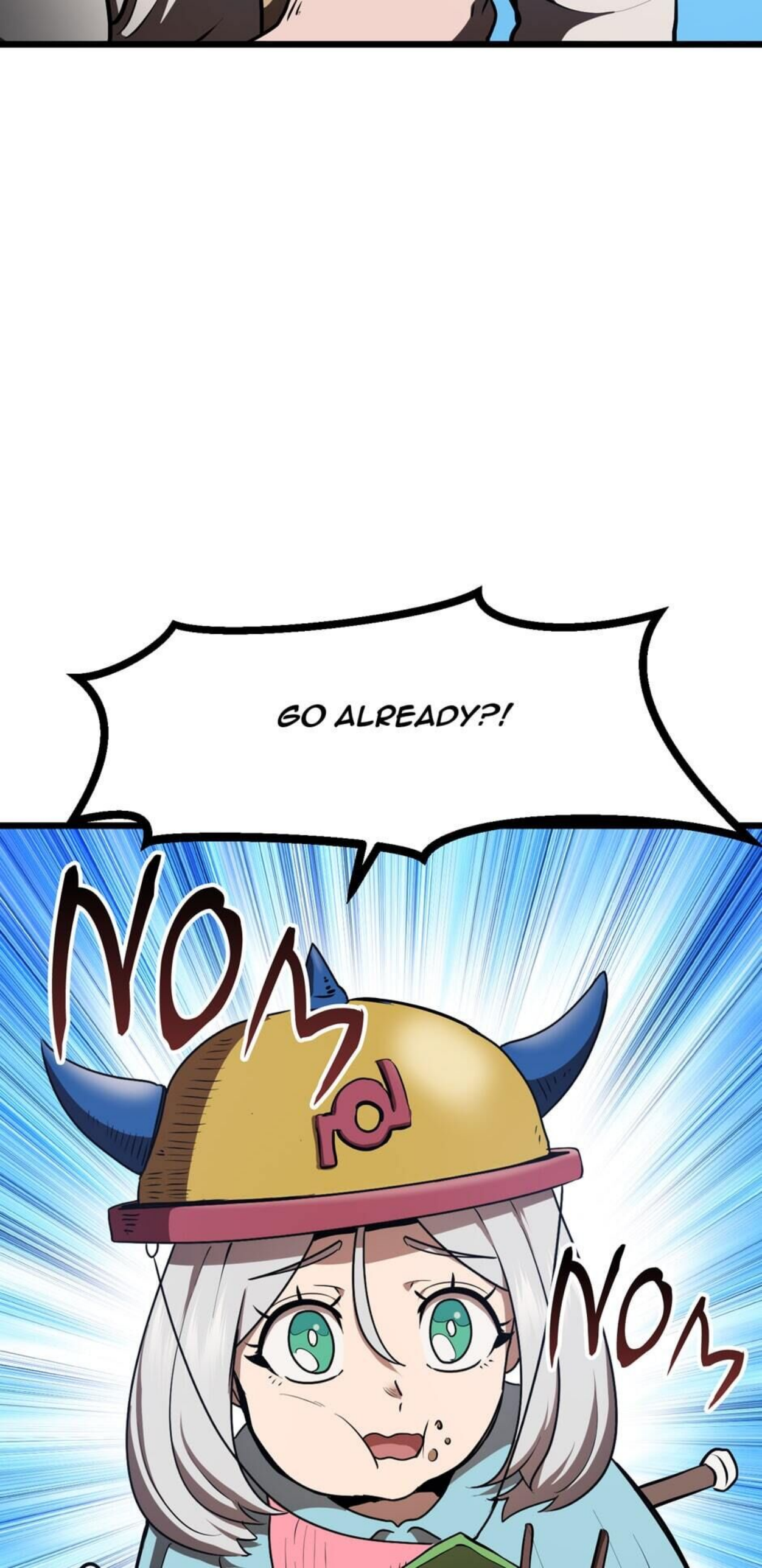
TMP
TMP
BUT THEY HAVE A HUGE POPULATION DESPITE THEIR SHORT LIFESPAN.
WHO'D WORK THIS ENORMOUS LAND IF IT WEREN'T FOR THE HUMANS?

THE PRINCE...
YOUR HIGHNESS!

WE DIDN'T EXPECT YOU TO COME THIS FAR FROM THE PALACE...
OH, IT WASN'T FAR. THIS PLACE IS JUST AS BEAUTIFUL AS I'VE HEARD.

H-HOW ABOUT... HIS MAJESTY...?
HE WANTED TO BE HERE IN PERSON, BUT HE HASN'T BEEN FEELING SO WELL.

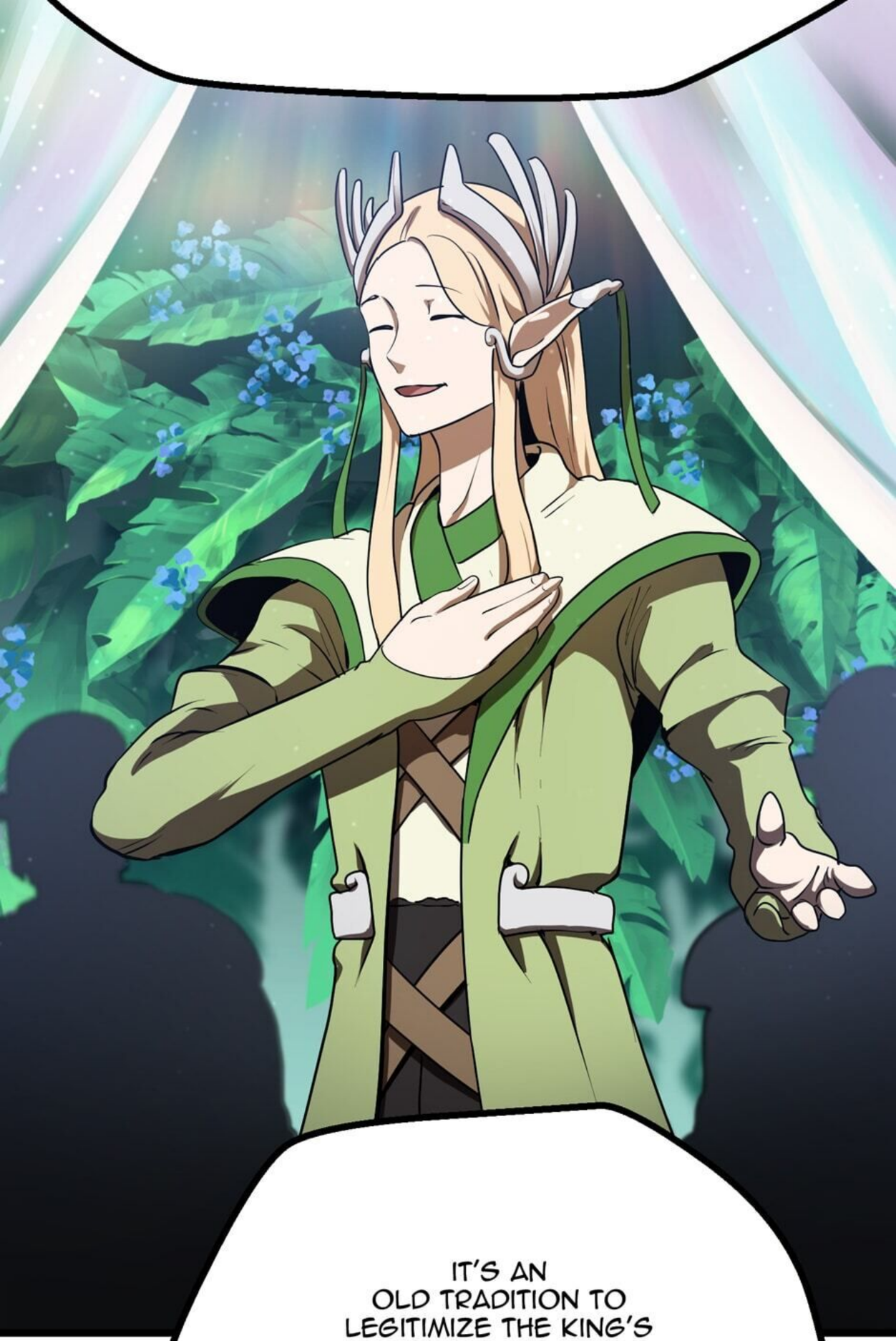

HE ASKED ME TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CLOSING CEREMONY ON HIS BEHALF.
TH-THAT MEANS...!


GO ALREADY?!
NO
NO

ELF BRAND
BUT DOESN'T THE FESTIVAL GO ON UNTIL SOMEONE PULLS OUT THAT SWORD...?
I ALSO HEARD THAT IT'S ONLY THE ELF KING WHO COULD DO IT.
CHOMP

THAT'S JUST A MYTH.
THE SWORD'S ACTUALLY FIXED TO THE GROUND BY A SPELL.

MANY PEOPLE COME AND TRY TO PULL OUT THE SWORD, BUT THEY ALL FAIL.
THE KING COMES AND PULLS IT OUT WITH THE SPELL UNDONE, THEN HE PLANTS IT BACK IN THE GROUND AGAIN.



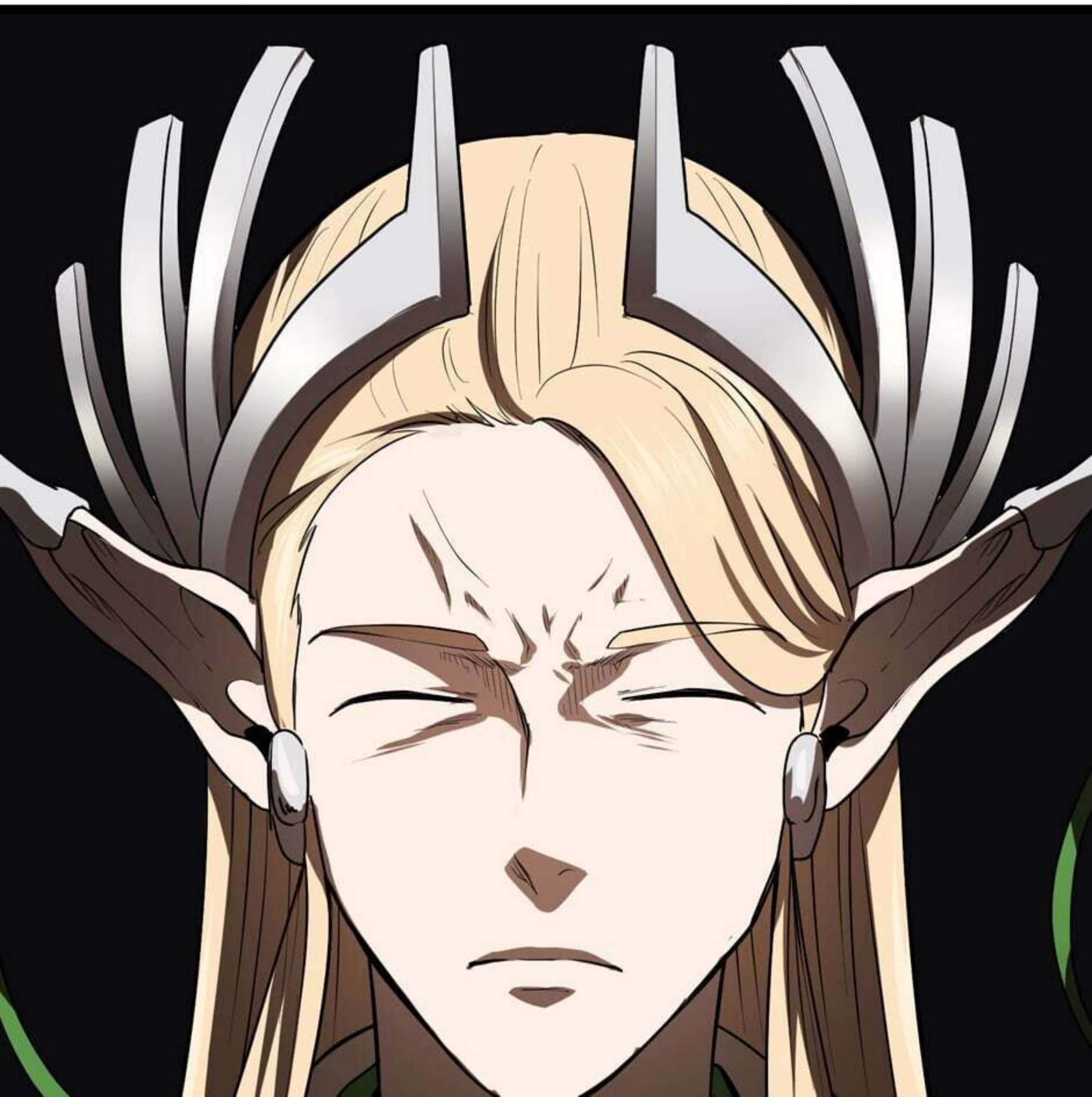
IT'S AN OLD TRADITION TO LEGITIMIZE THE KING'S STATURE AS SOMEONE WHO'S BEEN CHOSEN BY THE GODDESS.

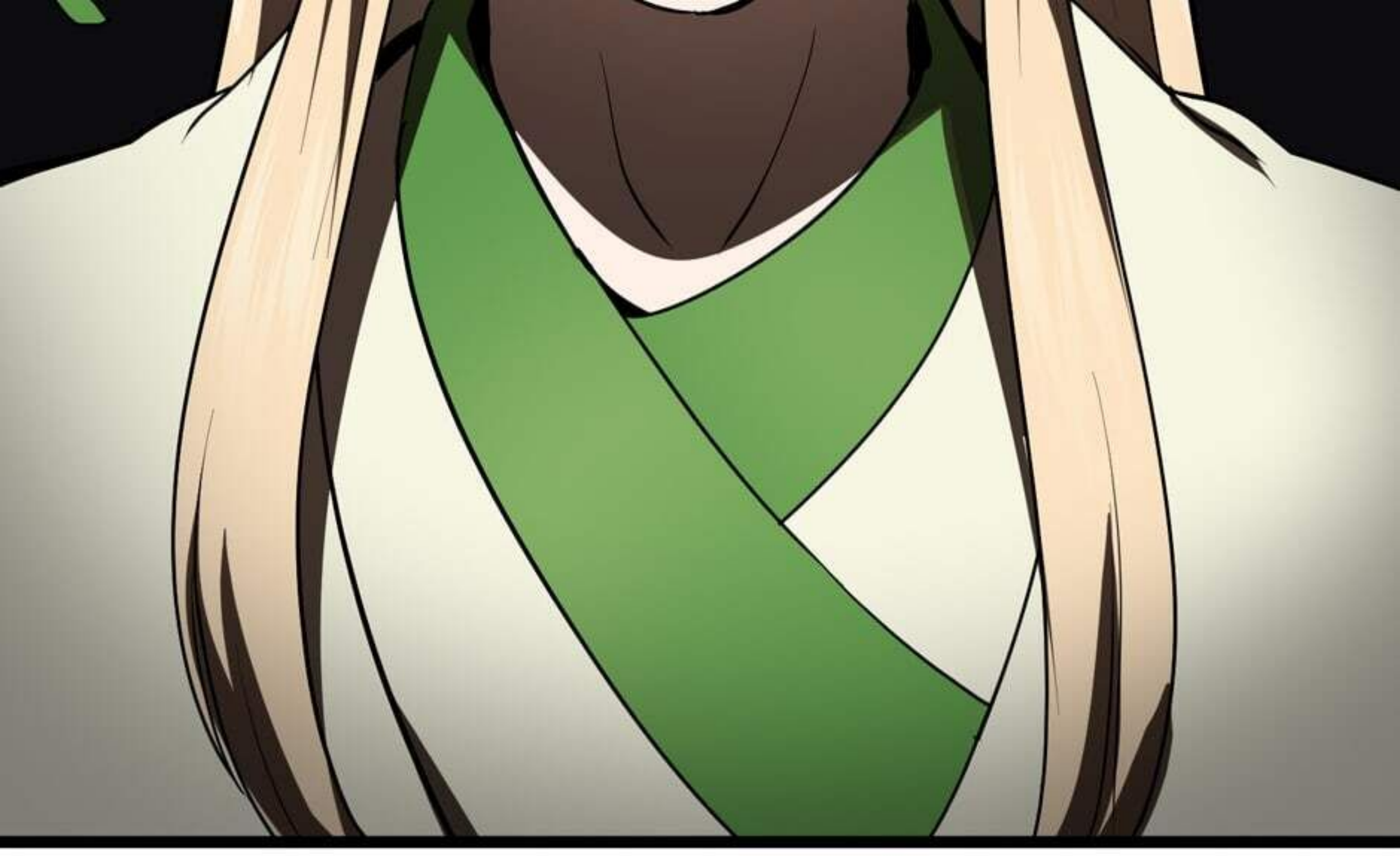
AH~ NO WONDER PEOPLE WEREN'T TRYING THAT HARD TO PULL IT OUT~
IT DID SEEM LIKE PEOPLE WERE DOING THAT FOR LAUGHS RATHER THAN ACTUALLY TRYING.

IT WOULDN'T GET PULLED OUT TO BEGIN WITH,
AND I'M SURE IT'S A HEADACHE EVEN IF ONE ACTUALLY

IF ONE ACTUALLY DID SUCCEED.

HMM?





RED DOG
CULTURE HOUSE